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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6406**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1600

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 28, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Special Death Benefit Fund.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Ruppel

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides for the payment of a lump-sum special death benefit of \$150,000 for a police officer who is appointed by a university, college, or junior college accredited by the North Central Association and who dies in the line of duty.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004 (retroactive).

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This proposal adds private university police officers who die in the line of duty as being eligible for the \$150,000 lump-sum death benefit as provided in IC 5-10-10. The retroactive date will include the Butler University police officer shot to death in the line of duty in July of 2004.

*Background Information:* The balance in the Special Death Benefit Fund as of October 30, 2004, amounted to \$1,597,648. Since 1998, when the lump-sum special death benefit was increased to \$150,000, there have been 18 payments of \$150,000, totaling \$2.7 M. The Law Enforcement Training Board reports that for 2003, there were 112 police officers at private universities in the state.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) as administrators of the Special Death Benefit Fund; State Auditor.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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